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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DEPLOYING A DISTRIBUTED MONITORING

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/735,919

Applicant(s)

HERRMANN ET AL.

Examiner

GREG BENZON

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 01/12/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are Claims 26-45, renumbered Claims 1-20 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/12/2010
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/William C. Vaughn, Jr./
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2444

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 01/12/2010 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 01/12/2010 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-45 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The provision for --- *a method and device for distributed monitoring comprising a computer configured to deploy a distributed monitoring of a computer system having a plurality of resources to be monitored by said deployment device, wherein said resources form a monitored domain, said deployment device including a computer*

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readable storage medium upon which is encoded a sequence of instructions, which when executed by the computer, ~~cause~~ the deployment device to establish distributed monitoring of the computer system; and

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a plurality of indicator agents stored on a computer readable storage medium each configured to evaluate an indicator comprising a value characterizing a status or an operation of one or more resources of the computer system and an indicator-defining function for determining said value by searching through object identifiers, instantiating associated variables using a network management protocol, and unifying the object identifiers using a unifiability criteria;

~~a configuration module encoded with a sequence of instructions to specify~~ one or more domains of the computer system in which each said indicator agent is to be deployed, the configuration ~~module,~~ comprising a configuration deployment agent that creates a configuration agent for creating the plurality of indicator agents for the resource, and each indicator agent evaluates one of the plurality of indicators and manages an associated subscriber list; and

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writing ~~modules~~ associated with each indicator agent, and encoded with a sequence of instructions to write in the associated subscriber list, upon receiving a subscription notification from at least one other indicator agent, an identification and management information of said at least one other indicator agent, and the subscriber list being managed by the associated indicator agent and stored using storage means of the resource associated with the indicator agent

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--- wherein all the features previously described are combined in one singular embodiment, is not fairly taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

The Examiner interprets the computer readable storage medium as described in Applicant Specifications Page 8 Lines 10 and thus concludes that said storage medium is comprising of statutory subject matter.

The Examiner finds particular novelty in the method and deployment device for the deployment of distributed monitoring agents for distributed monitoring of a computer system having a plurality of resources to be monitored by said deployment device, where said resources form a monitored domain, said method deploying a plurality of indicator agents each configured to evaluate an indicator comprising a value characterizing a status or an operation of one or more resources of the computer system and an indicator-defining function for determining said value by searching through object identifiers, instantiating associated variables using a network management protocol, and unifying the object identifiers using a unifiability criteria (as described in the Applicant Specification page 20) further comprising creating the plurality of indicator agents for the resource, wherein each indicator agent evaluates one of the plurality of indicators and manages an associated subscriber list; (Page 10 Lines 10-15) and writing, using writing means associated with each indicator agent, in the associated subscriber list, upon receiving a subscription notification (page 10 Lines 15-25) from at least one other indicator agent, an identification and management information of said at least one other indicator agent, wherein the subscriber list is being

managed by the associated indicator agent and stored using storage means of the resource associated with the indicator agent.

The Examiner finds particular novelty in the identifier unification process using the unifiability criteria which makes it possible both to verify that two identifiers are unifiable and to determine for which values of the variables that are still free prior to the start of the unification process.

Kagei disclosed wherein an agent apparatus autonomously notifies the manager apparatus of the subject and content of a test made for the sub-network, executes the test in accordance with the test content, and reports sequentially the test result to the manager apparatus. However Kagei does not disclose deploying a plurality of indicator agents each configured to evaluate an indicator comprising a value characterizing a status or an operation of one or more resources of the computer system and an indicator-defining function for determining said value by searching through object identifiers, instantiating associated variables using a network management protocol, and unifying the object identifiers using a unifiability criteria. Kagei does not disclose creating the plurality of indicator agents for the resource, wherein each indicator agent evaluates one of the plurality of indicators and manages an associated subscriber list; and writing, using writing means associated with each indicator agent, in the associated subscriber list, upon receiving a subscription notification from at least one other indicator agent, an identification and management information of said at least one other indicator agent, wherein the subscriber list is being managed by the associated indicator

agent and stored using storage means of the resource associated with the indicator agent.

Fisher disclosed wherein the same resource and/or sub-pool names or identifiers can appear in more than one pool hierarchy but the names or identifiers are not correlated with the same object. While only one pool hierarchy should be required for a given value type (e.g., IP addresses), it is possible to create more than one pool hierarchy for the same value type. This would be advantageous in the case where the same resource could be allocated more than once. However Fisher does not disclose deploying a plurality of indicator agents each configured to evaluate an indicator comprising a value characterizing a status or an operation of one or more resources of the computer system and an indicator-defining function for determining said value by searching through object identifiers, instantiating associated variables using a network management protocol, and unifying the object identifiers using a unifiability criteria. Fisher does not disclose creating the plurality of indicator agents for the resource, wherein each indicator agent evaluates one of the plurality of indicators and manages an associated subscriber list; and writing, using writing means associated with each indicator agent, in the associated subscriber list, upon receiving a subscription notification from at least one other indicator agent, an identification and management information of said at least one other indicator agent, wherein the subscriber list is being managed by the associated indicator agent and stored using storage means of the resource associated with the indicator agent.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GREG BENGZON whose telephone number is (571)272-3944. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on (571)272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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